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1. AT CONCLUSION AMBASSADOR'S CONVERSATION IN WASHINGTON WITH SRI LANKA AMBASSADOR NEVKGLWC KANAKARATNE IN EARLY AUGUST, IT WAS AMBASSADOR'S UNDERSTANDING WITH KANAKARATNE THAT WE WOULD AWAIT APPROACH FROM MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS HERE ON QUESTION OF HANDLING IVP PARTIAL GRANTEES. NO SUCH APPROACH HAS BEEN MADE, AND WE HAVE NOT RAISED ISSUE, CONSIDERING THAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR TAKING INITIATIVE WITH MDFA LAY WITH KANAKARATNE.

2. NEVERTHELESS, BECAUSE PROSPCTIVE VISIT OF OPPOSITION WHIP R. PREMADASA WAS TO COME SO SOON AFTER THAT OF GAMINI DISSANAYAKE, UNP MP FOR NUWARA ELIYA, AMBASSADOR HAD DECIDED EMBASSY WOULD INFORM REPEAT INFORM MDFA IF PARTIAL IVP GRANT MATERIALIZED. WE HAVE, HOWEVER, NOW WITHDRAWN OUR REQUEST FOR PREMADASA GRANT FOR REASONS SET FORTH COLOMBO 2615, AND THEREFORE NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN WITH MDFA.
VAN HOLLEN

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